SDARNG
196th REGIMENT
OCS BN
Phase 3
Major Training Events

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Phase 3 Overview

- Officer Candidate School phase 3 is fast paced, high endurance 2 week period. Officer candidates are evaluated on their ability to conduct the 8 steps of the troop leading procedures, take charge of an element during a mission, and attempt several other individual events. At this time in the OCS process it is up to the Officer Candidates to demonstrate they are prepared to take charge of a an element, receive, plan, execute, and conduct an AAR of a mission. While the missions are basic and the execution of the battle drills are not evaluated, the time limitations and varied reactions of the OPFOR create an environment in which the candidates must think, react, and issue orders that lead to a successful mission completion.

Phase 3 Events

- Leaders Reaction Course (LRC) – Squad level obstacle course. Conducted on West Camp Rapid
- Combat Water Survival Test (CWST) – A 3 event water event.
- Obstacle Course – Conducted at Ellsworth AFB. Course consists of 21 conditioning type obstacles
- FLX II – Four days of squad level infantry type operations. Conducted on West Camp Rapid.
- FLX III – Four days of platoon level infantry type operations conducted on both West Camp Rapid and Camp Weyrich.

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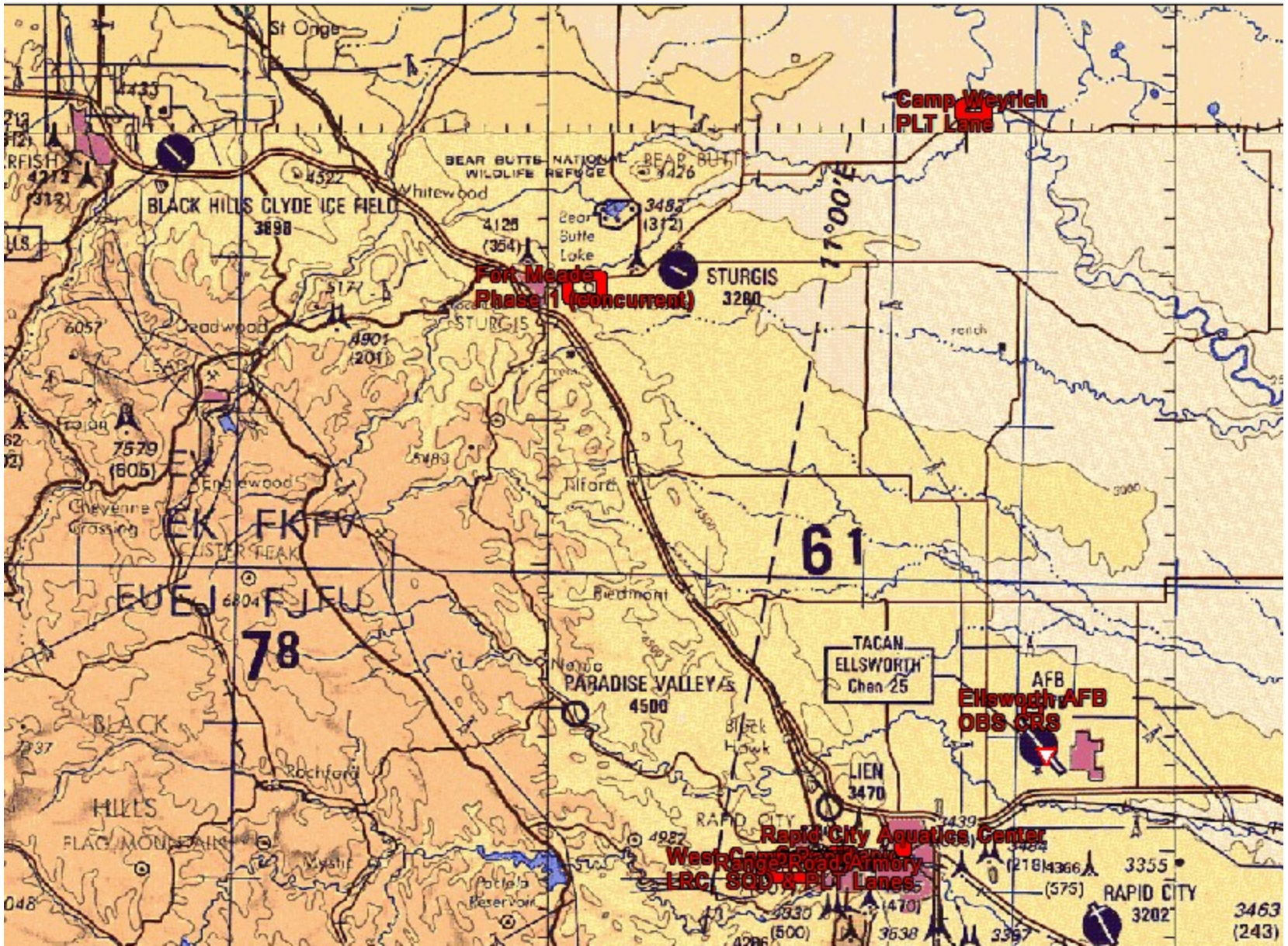

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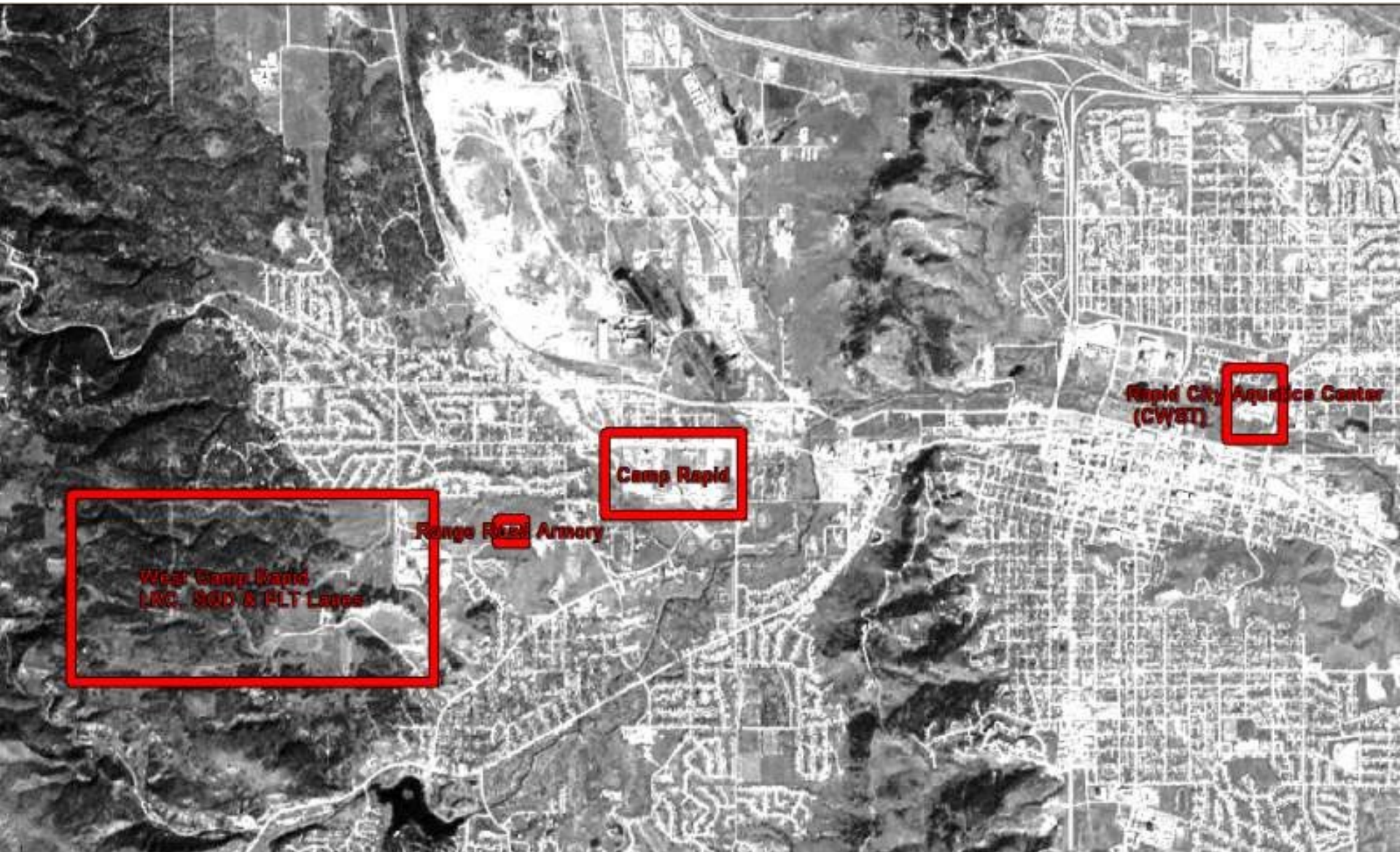

Calendar of Events

July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 New ph3 TACS, LG, OPFOR arrive Plus up S3 & S4 Prep FOB	12 TAC ph3 in brief and training LG & OPFOR pre lanes	13 EWT OIC/NCOIC prep for CWST/OBS CRS TAC training and site visits	14 Move OC's to FOB 1300 1900 ph3 in-brief and OPORD (ALL)
15 0650-1200 - LRC 1300-1700 - TEWT 1900- prep for SQD STX	16 0600 Begin SQD STX 1800 return to FOB	17 0600 Begin SQD STX 1800 return to FOB	18 0600 Begin SQD STX 1800 return to FOB	19 0600 Begin SQD STX (last lane is police call unless needed for eval) 1800 return to FOB	20 0700-1200 - CWST 1300-1700 - OBS CRS	21 FOB activites A/C static load training prep for PLT STX
22 PLT STX begins 0600 PLT PB's at nite	23 PLT STX	24 PLT STX	25 PLT STX ends 1800 Conduct police call of lanes RON at FOB	26 1300 - Move to CR Recovery, equipment T/I Counseling	27 Recovery, equipment T/I Deactivation ceremony - FTM prep for return to H/S	28 Return to H/S
29	30	31	Notes:			

IN PROCESSING

- Conducted on Fort Meade for all (OC and Staff*)
- Incoming OC’s Saturday
- TOA conducted Friday night, 13 Jul from Phase 2 to Phase 3 company cadre
- Phase 3 moves to West Camp Rapid Sat afternoon, 14 Jul.

Combat Water Survival Test

CWST

- Conducted at Rapid City Aquatics Center (RCAC) (owned by City of Rapid City)
- RTI purchased 3 meter platform
- Special use mount fabricated for platfom = increase in risk, must enforce risk mitigation measures for use
- Only pool area will be closed for OCS use
- Fenced area with direct access to pool to be used for weapons/equipment grounding (indoor area available if necessary)

Rapid City Aquatic Center

Large deep end capable of handling up to 4 equipment removal stations. Large lap swim area 15m swim.

Indoor facility eliminates possibility of Wx postponement.

Ellsworth AFB Obstacle Course

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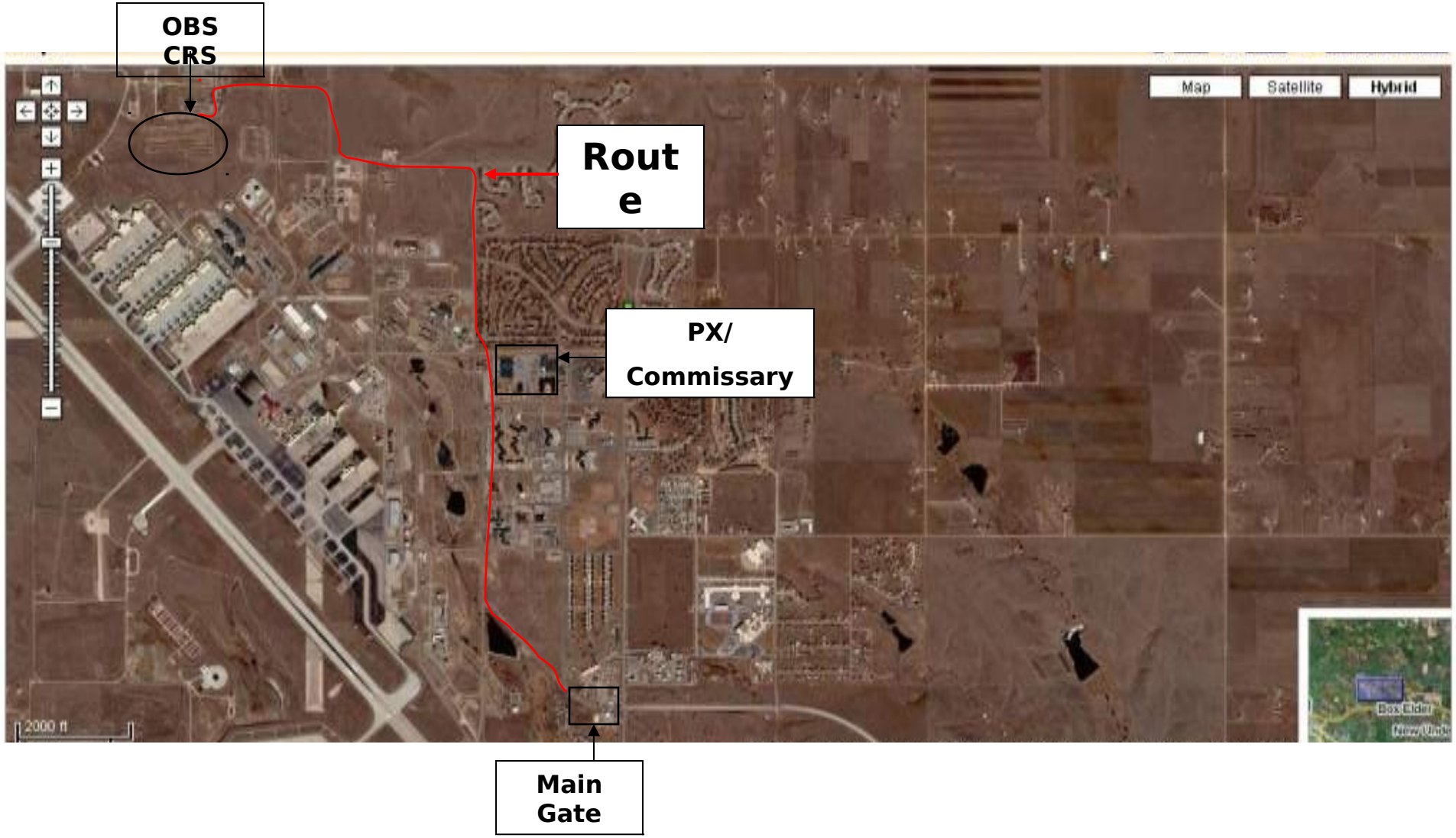
- Located on north side of base.
- Area is used by AFROTC during summer field training
- Consists of 19 obstacles, 15 of which are listed in TRADOC 350-6, IET Training, as officially approved obstacles.
- Obstacles are of the conditioning course type with limited height involved (high obstacles were removed in 2005).
- Course is spread out and arranged into 4 lanes.
- Drive thru parking lot located next to course easy for buses to maneuver through.
- Course is located in the open with no available cover to offer protection from the elements.

Location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Ellsworth AFB Obstacle Course Overhead View

#2 Tangle Foot

#3 The Dirty Name

#4 Island Hoppers
ISLAND HOPPER #4

#5 Easy Balancer

#6 Balancing Logs
BALANCING LOGS #6

#7 The Belly Buster

#9 The Belly Robber
BELLY ROBBER #9

#10 Inclining Wall

#11 The Tarzan

#12 The Trench Crawl

#13 High Stepover

#14 Reverse Climb

#15 Jump and Land

#16 The Balance Across

#17 The Tough Nut

#18 Belly Crawl

#19 Swing Stop Jump

#20 Six Volts

#21 Vertical Wall
VERTICAL WALL #21

#1 The Tough One
Removed 2005

#8 Confidence Climb
Removed 2005

Ellsworth AFB Obstacle Course

- The Ellsworth AFB obstacle course is a well maintained, safe course located in open terrain near the northeast corner of the main runway. There is ease of access for buses, sufficient room to erect camo net for shade, and good separation between obstacles that allows for simultaneous starting on all obstacles.

LEADERSHIP REACTION COURSE

WEST CAMP RAPID LEADERSHIP REACTION COURSE

- Administered by SDARNG Training Site.
- Ten stations, all dry, located on west Camp Rapid. (2 additional stations to be built prior to OCS to meet CMP requirements and support 12 squads)
- Good area on the course for TOC and equipment grounding station.
- Course is used numerous times throughout the year by SDARNG units, Joint Thunder AT units, ROTC, and USAF.

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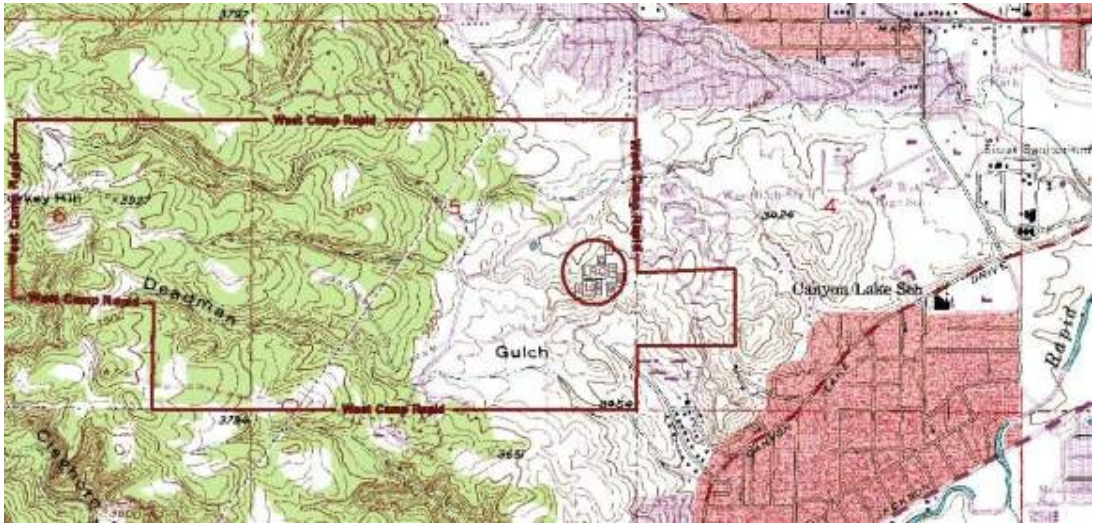


West Camp Rapid Existing Leadership Reaction Stations

STATION 1

THE WALL

STATION 2

THE BRIDGE

STATION 3

RIVER CROSSING

STATION 4

MEDEVAC

STATION 5

OVERHEAD CABLE

STATION 6

DOUBLE FENCE CROSSING

STATION 7

SECURITY WALLS

STATION 8

RAZOR BAR

STATION 9

OVERHEAD BAR

STATION 10

RAVINE CROSSING

LEADERSHIP REACTION COURSE

- The LRC is a fast paced event with very tight timelines. TAC's must keep to the timeline and keep squads moving.
- This is an excellent lead-in event to phase 3, squads build team cohesion, candidates get exposure to making quick decisions, and TAC's get practice on completing FLER's.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TROOPS (TEWT)

TEWT

- Conducted in a field environment.
- Reinforce TLP’s, OPORD preparation, and mission analysis.
- Company level OPORD’s presented needs to reflect the actual terrain that the training is being conducted on.
- OC’s prepare a PLT OPORD (individual) from Company OPORD
- Conduct on WCR vicinity of the FOB

FLXII and FLX III Lanes

- FLX II similar to Ft Lewis SQD Lanes
- FLX III has more emphasis on planning and execution
- Step 8 of TLP does not end when squad/platoon steps off!!!

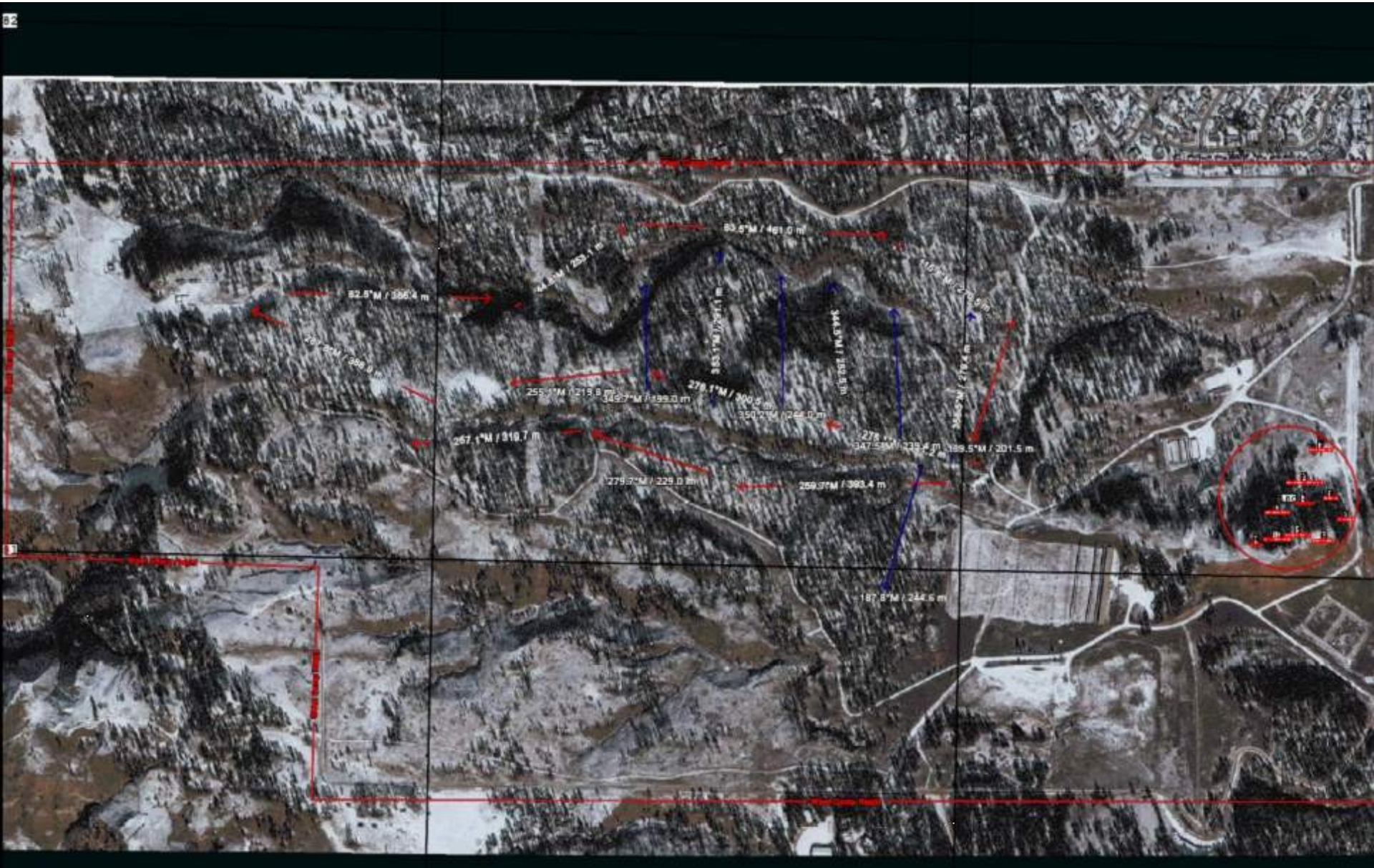
FLX II

- FLX II consists of squad-level lanes based upon infantry battle drills out of FM 7-8. Each lane is 2 hours in duration. Each officer candidate will be evaluated as a squad leader at least once during the FLX. Currently, we are scheduling to run 6 iterations per day for 4 days.

FLX II

- Operate out of the FOB and return nightly
- Golf Course type layout
- Lane Guides responsible for creating their Sand Table, AAR site will be established during prep
- Use of variables in last 2 of lanes to create a reactionary environment
- Tight schedule – More OC’s will make staying on time schedule critical

WCR FLX II Lanes



FLX III

- FLX III consists of platoon-level lanes based upon battle drills from FM 7-8. Select officer candidates that need another evaluation to assess their leadership will placed in the platoon leader or platoon sergeant positions. These lanes will be 5 to 6 hours in duration, with 2 iterations per day. Three lanes will be conducted on West Camp Rapid and one lane will be conducted on Camp Weyrich.

FLX III

- Lanes on West Camp Rapid and Camp Weyrich
- Stay in PLT PB’s
- AA to Camp Weyrich, Convoy will be contingency operation is air is lost
- Limited land for maneuver
- Both static and movement lanes
- Use of static mission as force-on-force
- Company mission on final night/day

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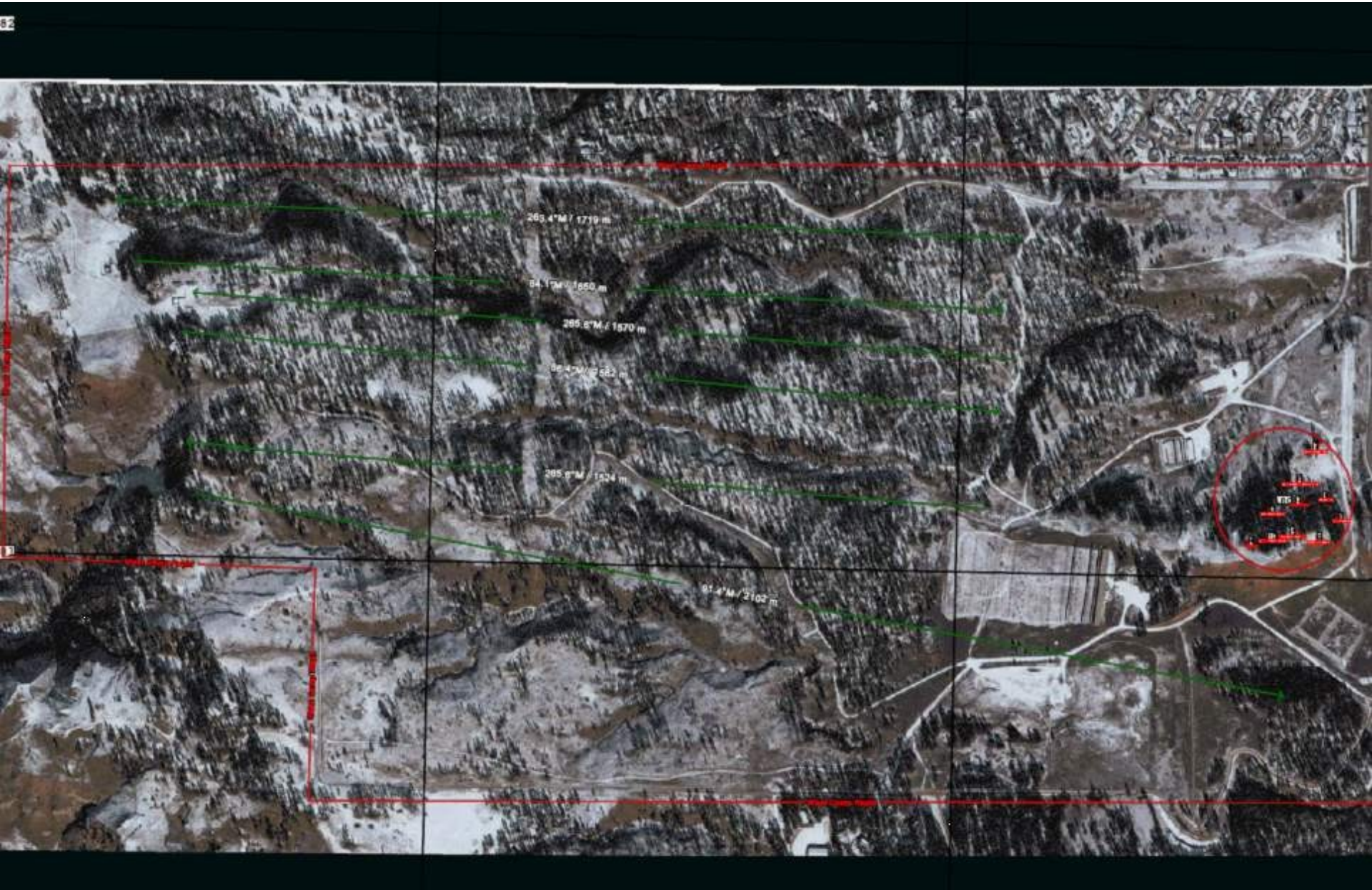
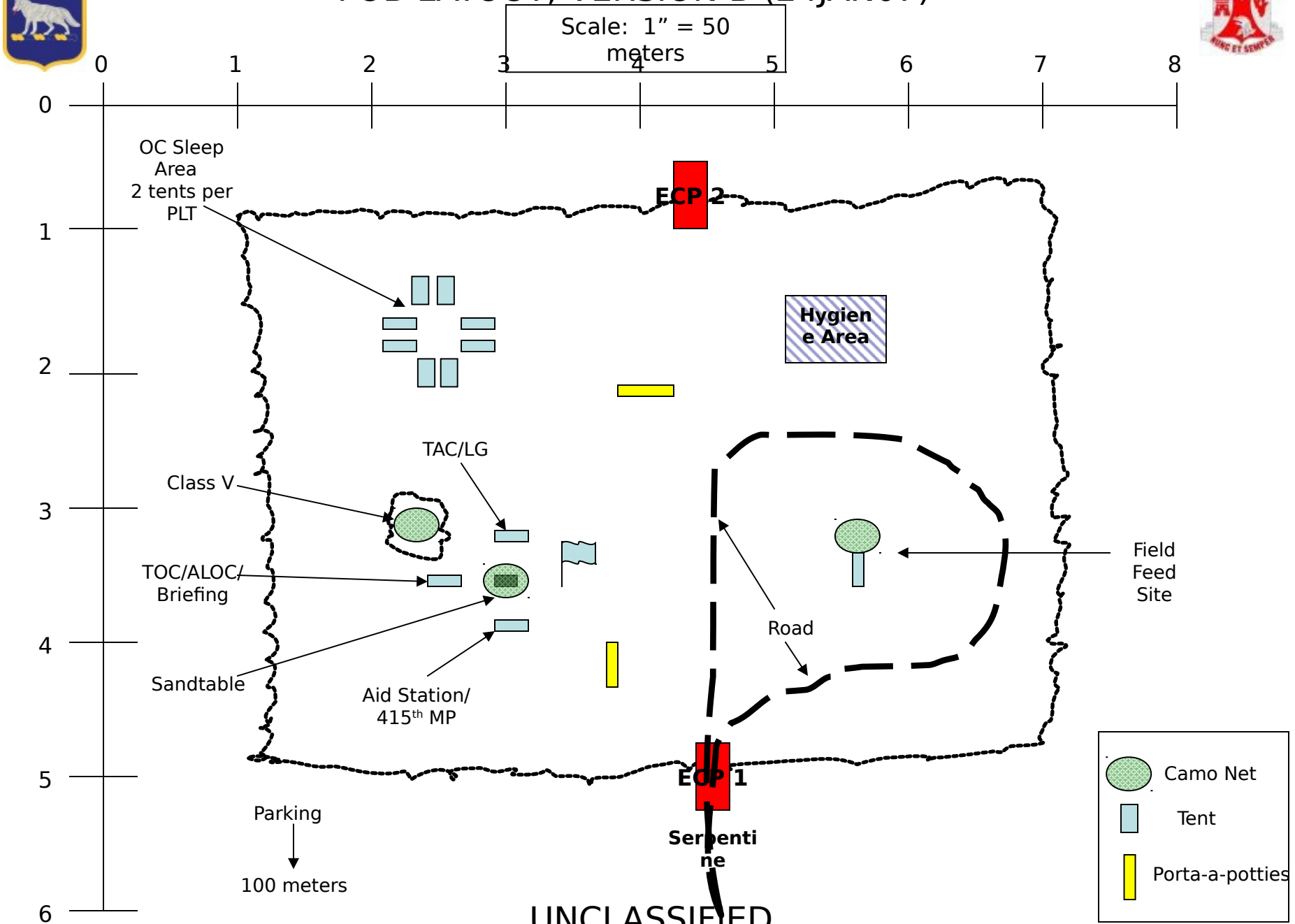
WCR FLX III Lanes



FOB

- Expose Officer Candidates and staff to living and working out of an austere Forward Operating Base.
- FOB will be located on West Camp Rapid.
- Consist of living tents for OC’s and some staff, TOC, work tents for TAC’s, Lane Guides, Medics, and support staff.
- Field mess will be set up
- Minimal field hygiene area will be established.

FOB LAYOUT, VERSION B (24JAN07)



RECOVERY

- Move to Camp Rapid for final recovery
- Out processing will be conducted at Ft Meade

SD OCS BN Phase 3

- Limited land – Need to challenge OC’s on the planning and reactionary aspects of lanes
- Use of external facilities – limited opportunities to reschedule training
- Get in the field and stay in the field (FOB living)
- Need to be a continuous, coherent training and evaluation approach from start of Phase 1, not a stand alone operation!!!